



YOUNG DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

GENERATION EUROPE PROJECT



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Generation Europe is a three-years long educational project (2018–2020) connecting youngsters from 15 countries all around Europe.

The Generation Europe vision is to make the youth more socially and politically active and responsible, both at the local and international level, through planning and organizing local projects, activities and initiatives.

The aim of the project is to make the youth more actively involved in their communities in order to improve the society around them. It intends to make them not just interested, but also active in the public space.

The whole idea was inspired by the US model project called “Project Citizen”, which got together young people from most of the American states.



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Project Generation Europe is based on international network of youth work institutions, who seeks to motivate young people to participate actively in their communities in order to improve the social, political and cultural environment and in this way promote and support active European civil society.

More information about the whole project is available at the official Generation Europe website.

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PARTICIPANTS - WHO DO WE LOOK FOR?



Young people with diverse background in the age of 18 to 24 years old



Motivated to take a part in the whole three years project, meet different participants from other countries



Working together on the common aim to get involved in their both local and international societies



Selecting particular problems and developing possible solutions in the form of their own public projects (partly covered by the funds)

All the young participants will be divided into special working groups according to their sending organization participating in the project Generation Europe - this partnership consists of Czech Republic (Be International), Finland (Oulu Nuoren Kotkat) and Germany (SJD – Die Falken Dusseldorf). Organizations and local coordinators will lead the young people in order to make them not just interested in the regional political and social issues, but also actively participating in their community life and public space.

Don't miss a chance to participate in this unique opportunity!


PROJECT CONTENT AND ACTIVITIES - WHAT'S AHEAD?

At the beginning, each partner organization (Czech, German and Finnish) will choose 8 young participants and 2 team leaders in the age of 18-24 years from their country.



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3 SHORT-TERM YOUTH EXCHANGES



- 1. Youth Exchange in Czech Republic on the topic of Democracy, Human Rights and Active European Citizenship (17-28 October 2018).**
- 2. Youth Exchange in Finland (May/June 2019).**
- 3. Youth Exchange in in Germany (May/June 2020).**

OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

- Youth conference in Strasbourg**
- Local Europeans week in participants' local communities**
- Youth conference in Budapest**

THREE YEARS DURATION AND 30 EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED.

During the whole process and in between the particular youth exchanges, participants from each country will get a continuous support from their local coordinators and will try to identify a problem in their community, city, region, country, what they will tackle during next three years. During the international meetings with other national teams they will try to support one another in local projects and cooperate and share knowledge, skills and experiences.

Therefore, the chosen group of 8 young people will continually collaborate over three years to get engaged both on local and international level. The aim of the project is to raise and boost the European active citizenship in the participants through different methods of non-formal education, while following these logical steps:

STEP 1: Identifying and analysing a public problem

STEP 2: Examining alternative problem-solving approaches

STEP 3: Developing a policy to solve the problem

STEP 4: Developing an action plan

STEP 5: Implementing the action plan

STEP 6: Reflecting the experiential process

PROJECT GENERATION EUROPE FUNDING

The whole project of Generation Europe is an international network of youth work institutions for furthering an active European civil society. It motivates participants towards common political action and creates the necessary foundations. Therefore, this collaboration is made possible by a funding programme of the International Association for Education and Exchange e.V. - the funds are supported by:

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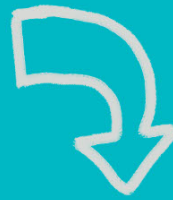
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DEADLINES 31.8.2018

Deadline for selecting the participants is 31st of August 2018. For applying, please fill in this application form:



**click to
open form**



The results of the selection process will be known by the 5th of September 2018.

FIRST YOUTH EXCHANGE

17.10–28.10.2018

First youth exchange is going to take place from 17th to 28th October 2018 in Czech Republic in the ecological center near Brno (second biggest city in Czech Republic).



During this first youth encounter, participants will get to know each other and will be introduced deeper into the topics of democracy and human rights in more playful and interesting way, using the methods of non-formal education (ice-breakers, energizers, teambuilding activities, discussions and brainstorming, interactive lectures, role-play games, and so on). The participants from all the partner countries (Czech Republic, Germany and Finland) will meet at this youth encounter for the first time and will have a chance to discuss the possible problems and activities they want to tackle in their countries.

The aim of this meeting is to make the participants more aware of how the society works and should work. and what possibilities and rights we have as citizens of particular country. Moreover the participants will boost their communication and rhetoric skills, critical thinking and get more motivation and basic information on the topic of active citizenship. The specific programme of this youth exchange will be announced in September 2018.

Warning: This youth exchange is mandatory part of the whole Generation Europe project therefore it's NOT possible to participate just in it - you have to get engaged for the whole three years process. Project hunters and "travellers" won't be accepted for this project.

Travel and other expenses

The whole 10 days long youth encounter (programme, accommodation, food and other logistics) is fully covered by the funds mentioned above. Project coordinators can reimburse the travel tickets only if you present invoices, original travel tickets and boarding passes to us. These will be collected during the first days of the youth exchange. The travel reimbursement will be done in cash during the second half of the project or later till the end of November.

Voluntary participation combined with responsibility for learning are key principles of non-formal education. The presence during the program of youth exchange is compulsory - Be International requires at least 80% participation in the program. If you don't participate at least in 80% of the sessions in the program, we do not have to cover your travel costs. Of course it is possible to make an exception, especially in case of sickness or any other special health needs.

The venue

The location of the first youth exchange is ecological centre Švýčárna, situated in a valley close to Brno. Czech hosting organization Be International will help you with transportation to Švýčárna from Brno and back. Price for this transport from Brno to Švýčárna will be paid by Be International at first and later, it will be cut from your travel reimbursement. Be International cannot cover your stay before or after the project. If you are planning to do so, please count with paying for your own expenses.

Arrivals and departures

Be International coordinators kindly ask you to start your journey for the youth exchange maximum 2 days before the project starts and leave the Czech Republic back home max. 2 days after the project. Anyway if you would need to adapt this rule to your plans, do not hesitate to contact us. We will do our best to understand you and support you. Brno is easy to reach by direct train or bus from Prague, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. For best price of transportation from those cities to Brno, we suggest you to use the bus company Student Agency.

The arrival day is Wednesday 17th October before 17:00 to Brno from where we will take a bus together to the venue. In case you are not able to come before 17:00, write us and we will figure it out together. The departure day is Sunday 28th September, after breakfast.

SECOND YOUTH EXCHANGE MAY/JUNE 2019

The second youth exchange will take place in Oulu, Finland. Participants will focus on identifying local problems. The programme includes discussions with NGO's, civil servants and politicians on their role in civic discussion and challenges they see.

The aim for the participants is to learn how to look from outside the box to recognize issues within their communities and find the effective routes to make their voices heard.



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